

## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

### December 2, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM in Currell College Auditorium by Chairman Becker.

#### I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 1992

The minutes were approved as submitted.

#### II. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

##### IIA. Report of the President, President Palms:

The President reported on the following matters.

1. The committee to find a replacement for the **Spartanburg Chancellor** is composed primarily of faculty with a faculty chair.
2. Dr. Mike McGee has been appointed **Athletics Director**. The President thanked both the official search committee and the unofficial advisory body. The package provided to Dr. McGee is in the midrange of those offered in the SEC and reduced from the package he was receiving at Southern Cal.
3. The President thanked **King Dixon** for the contribution he made to the athletics program. When he was an Associate Vice President for Alumni Affairs, he was asked to take on the responsibilities as the Athletics Director. He has done a superb job. During the transition time, King will be working with the AD. After that is completed, he will be working in a number of different responsibilities in the Office of the President.

##### IIB. Report of the Provost, Provost Moeser:

The Provost reported on the following matters.

1. The Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the Board of Trustees and the Student Affairs Committee of the Board have discussed the recent national concerns expressed about **academic integrity**. The educational literature suggests that cheating is common in the undergraduate classroom. In order to focus on the positive rather than the negative, the President and the Provost have discussed having at the beginning of the academic year a convocation with the same kind of formality as the commencement at which the President can speak and talk especially to our entering students about what we expect in terms of academic values.

The faculty must also accept its responsibility. Many times in large classes it is easy for us to ignore these issues. Through our silence we may unintentionally communicate a benign tolerance of dishonesty.

This is a faculty, student, and institutional responsibility. The faculty should begin at the departmental and college level to discuss how to change the expectations that students have of themselves as well as the expectations that the faculty have of students. Suggestions are requested on institutional actions. These might include the reinstatement of that old honor code on the front of the blue book. We might even include in our catalogs and in our promotional materials statements of values to which we as an institution subscribe.

2. As a result of requests made by the Committee of Women Professors, the Provost announced the establishment a special **salary equity committee**. Several committees of the Senate (the Steering Committee, the Faculty Committee and the Budget Committee) under the leadership of the Faculty Senate Chair will nominate a slate of faculty members who might be appointed to this committee. This committee will have broad responsibilities on all questions of salary equity and be advisory to the Office of the Provost.
3. A search committee for the Dean of the Honor's College is being chosen.
4. Dr. Daniel Antion is assigned to be the Associate Director of Technology Transfer in the Office of Research. He handles the copyright protection of academic material and also works with the Development Office in the formation of the new Research Foundation, works with the SMTC Program in the College of Engineering and a number of other research initiatives in the University.
5. The Steering Committee has been asked to name five faculty representatives to a **System Academic Advisory Committee**. The President is appointing this committee with two representatives from Aiken, Spartanburg and Coastal; five representatives from the Columbia campus and the chair of the Regional Campus Senate. The purpose of this committee is to carry out the charge of the Board of Trustees to examine the issue of system governance and to see what framework might be established for system-wide faculty governance.
6. As a result of the Nov. 20 meeting of the faculty and the **University Future Committee**, there has been added to the committee a member of the classified staff to serve as their representative. Furthermore, copies of all departmental plans will be available in the respective dean's office for faculty/staff review. Copies of all unit plans will be available for review in the Provost's Office. Faculty/staff may submit comments directly to the committee. The time line has been modified. We are asking the deans to have their plans in our office by February 15, 1993 but we are establishing a two-week period for comments between February 15 and March 1, 1993. If you want to review your college's submission and file a comment on it with the committee, please do so between February 15 and March 1, 1993.

Randy Mack (ARTH) pointed out that the Caroliniana Community includes a definition of cheating and plagiarism and lists quite carefully the consequences

of the violation of that code. We clearly have an Honor Code that unfortunately may be ignored all too often.

### **III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **IIIA. Senate Steering Committee, J. L. Safko:**

Senators were reminded to encourage faculty to volunteer for committees by Dec. 18.

#### **IIIB. Grade Change Committee, Robert Boyd, Chair:**

The committee report was accepted as submitted.

#### **IIIC. Curricula and Courses Committee, Alexander Gilchrist, Chair:**

The following changes were made in item I.

Page 4, PEDU 104 change word to Control.

Page 5, under proposed changes under Numerical and Analytical Reasoning change to read "or STAT 201 plus a higher level STAT course."

Page 5, General Education Requirements, delete ENGL 290.

Page 5, change to HPRE 221 and EXSC 224, 224L or BIOL 243, 243L, 244, and 244L.

Page 5, Foreign Languages was modified to conform with the standard wording.

Diane Ward (EXSC) made a formal objection to PEDU 420 that has significant overlap with EXSC 351. She proposed a title "Motor Learning in Physical Education" to limit the scope of the course. Alexander Gilchrist, for the Committee, said that the Committee felt that the syllabi of the two courses were sufficiently different that there should be no confusion and spoke against such a title change. Mary French (PEDU) spoke in favor of the new course and Harriet Williams (EXSC) spoke against the title. The Chair separated this course from the rest of section I. The senate voted to add the "in Physical Education" to the course title. The course as modified was approved by a 43 to 33 show of hands vote.

The remainder of Section I was approved as were sections II and III.

#### **IIID. Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee, Jarvis Latham, Chair:**

The committee report was withdrawn for this meeting.

### **IIIE. University Safety Committee, Richard Conant, Chair:**

Prof. Conant pointed out a few of the major items in the committee report that was distributed with the minutes. Included were the following telephone numbers of importance: Emergency No. 7-9111; APO Escort Service No. 7-4215 who will provide rides from Sunday through Thursday evenings; and USC Campus Police at 7-4215 and they will also be glad to provide you with a ride.

### **IIIF. Athletics Advisory Committee, Prof. Bowman, Chair:**

The committee discussed and made recommendations on 36 proposals that will be on the agenda for the January meeting of the NCAA.

### **IV. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY, J. L. Safko: - none**

### **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Randy Mack (ARTH) asked if the Faculty Welfare Committee had a report on items referred to it. The chair stated that the committee has not yet finished its deliberations.

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Peter Sederberg (GINT) asked if the Fall and Thanksgiving breaks could be combined into one single week since many students take the entire Thanksgiving week off. Another faculty member pointed out that many faculty are canceling their classes on the Friday before Thanksgiving. Both matters were referred to the Faculty Advisory Committee.

The question of the number of class meetings per semester was referred to the Curricula and Courses Committee in consultation with the registrar.

The Insurance and Annuities Committee was asked to determine if our insurance packages preclude cancellations of policies (RE: Supreme Court decision on John McGann vs. H & H. Music Company).

### **VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Charles Tucker (SOCY) made a statement that is attached to the minutes. (See December Minutes, Attachment B, pages 8-11.

Professor Richard Conant distributed a copy of his recommendation that the Faculty-Student Relations Committee be combined with -- or placed under the umbrella of the Student Affairs Committee. (See December Minutes, Attachment C, Attachment C, pages 12-13.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS - none**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.